



(Herald Photo) WALTER TILL... service manager of Whittlesey Motors

### Thunderbird Styling Sets New Car Pace

Ford's new personal car, the Thunderbird, which gave an advance hint of the 1955 Ford car styling trend when it was unveiled earlier this year, is now on display in dealers' showrooms in most parts of the country. Deliveries of the first production models began in many cities Oct. 22.

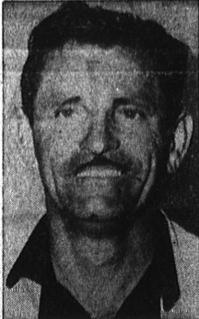
The Thunderbird, with its all-steel body, is the first "personal car" of American manufacture. Ford engineers designed it for a combination of high performance with the comfort, convenience, and safety of a conventional car. It measures just four feet, four and 2/10 inches high in the hardtop model, but the Thunderbird will accommodate three people, with rear compartment space for their luggage. The adjustable steering wheel slides in or out three inches, and can be locked in the position the driver prefers. A power seat is standard equipment.

Power steering, power window lifts, and power brakes, are available at extra cost — the same convenience features available in the full Ford car line. Roll-up windows and the hardtop give the car year-round utility in any climate. The car's outstanding performance in all speed ranges is provided by a high-torque Ford Y-Block V-8 engine of 292 cubic inches displacement with 3.75-inch bore and 3.30-inch stroke. Compression ratios are 8.1:1 with standard transmission and 8.5:1 with Fordomatic. The engine is rated at 198 horsepower with Fordomatic, and at 193 horsepower with standard or overdrive transmission.

The engine is equipped with standard transmission, Fordomatic and overdrive are available options. Most of the car's parts are interchangeable with regular 1955 Fords, so it can be serviced quickly by any Ford dealer.

**Rehwoldt Will Return**  
After 14 months in the Pacific as a Naval postal officer, Lt. (j.g.) Bruce Rehwoldt will return home Dec. 5, he told his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rehwoldt, of 1601 El Prado, in a phone call from Hong Kong last week.

**BAUXITE SUPPLY**  
Jamaica's supply of aluminum ore is expected to last 50 to 60 years.



(Herald Photo) EARL GERLOFF... Body shop manager of Whittlesey Motors



(Herald Photo) EARL DONNELSON... Parts manager of Whittlesey Motors

### Man Loses Pants, \$97 After Doing Good Turn

Doing a good turn caused a Wilmington man to lose his pants and \$97 in cash Friday when he was held up by two hitch-hikers he had picked up.

Frederick Coyle told sheriff's deputies he let the pair out at Montez Ave. and Main St. when one of them pulled a revolver on him and told him to take off his pants. When he did, he was told to drive on, and the pair disappeared.

**RUBBER INGREDIENTS**  
Two essential ingredients in the manufacture of synthetic rubber are butadiene and styrene, both of them petroleum-derived chemicals.

### 10 Admitted To Hospital

Ten patients from the Torrance area were admitted to San Pedro Community Hospital this week, according to hospital officials.

Admitted were Darlene Pitcher, of 174 E. 215th St.; Patricia Ennis, of 3637 Emerald St.; Samuel Oswald, of 2079 W. 232nd St., Lomita; Millicent Bergson, of 22922 Petroleum Ave.; Ralph Richard, and Randall Emerson, of 26338 Alta Vista, Harbor City; Arthur Leonard Strum, of 26302 Belleport, Harbor City; Thomas Moore, of 21021 Shearer Ave., and Sadie Chambers, 24661 Neon Ave., Lomita.

A nine lb., 15 1/4 oz. baby boy was born to Mrs. Bergson on Nov. 22. Mrs. Chambers had a seven lb., 10 oz. baby girl.

**POSTAL SAVINGS**  
The U.S. postal savings system has deposits of about \$2,341 million.

### ODDLY ENUF!



by Frohman

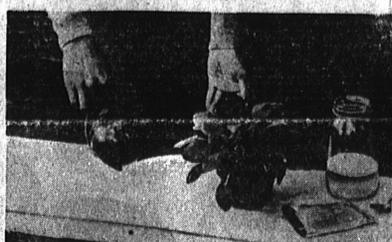
**HANDKERCHIEFS USED TO BE WORN ON THE HEAD! IT'S SAID THE WORD "HANDKERCHIEF" COMES FROM THE MIDDLEVAL FRENCH "COUVRE CHEF" OR "HEAD COVERING."**

NOWADAYS WE USE THEM AS "BLOWERS" SOFT LINTLESS FABRICS DO NOT IRRITATE THE NOSE'S DELICATE MUCOUS MEMBRANE — ARE BEST FOR SUFFERERS OF HAY FEVER OR HEAVY COLDS.

FINLAND HAS THE HIGHEST LITERACY RATE IN THE WORLD!  
Experimental design on a new Chevrolet often starts two and a half to three years before the new model reaches the customer.

### IN YOUR GARDEN

### WITH CARE, AFRICAN VIOLETS WILL FLOWER AS HOUSE PLANT



### CORRECT WATERING IS MOST IMPORTANT ... but direct sunlight harms African violet

Nearly half of the Chevrolets produced for the domestic market since the founding of the company, or some 13 1/2 million vehicles, are still on the road.

By WALTER SWARTZ, Executive Secretary So. California Floral Assn.

The African Violet (Saint paulia) is becoming an increasingly popular house plant. It gets its name from its native tropical Africa and the similarity to our violet. With reasonable care, it should bloom abundantly.

For best results, it should be placed near a window with eastern or northern exposures and in a room with a temperature comfortable for normal living. It should be noted that direct sunlight is harmful to this flower. Although the plant should be watered thoroughly, most of the soil moisture should be used up before it is irrigated again. Some specialists prefer sub-irrigation, but they all agree that for best results, the water should be at room temperature.

Soil for repotting should be of similar texture as that in the container purchased from your florist or nurseryman. It should be loose and porous — and an application of a soil conditioner such as Krillium will be helpful. Also, periodic applications of a good fertilizer won't hurt any. Liquid fertilizers are especially convenient for house plant applications and should be used as directed on the package or wrapper.

Another hint: to assure maximum bloom, thin the excess foliage from the center, or crown, of the plant. This is guaranteed to aid flower reproduction.

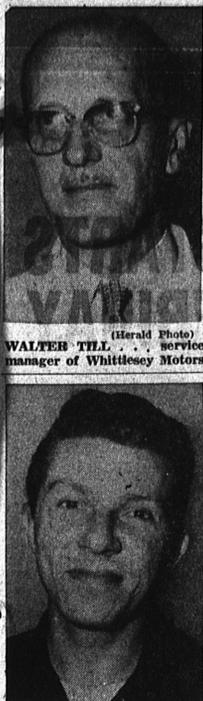
**CURRENT SOURCE**  
A square yard of silicon surface can power a desk lamp.

### Accident-Prone Drivers Usually Have 'Close Ones'

Had a few "close ones" while driving lately? Then, according to the National Automobile Club, it's about time you did some checking on your driving and your physical condition, which has an important bearing on your driving.

Tracing in the background on people who have become involved in accidents, safety experts have found that a large percentage of these people have had a series of "close ones" before the ones that actually happened.

These "close ones" should have served as warnings and if drivers who were experiencing them had taken the time to check up on their driving and their physical condition they would have, in many cases, discovered some little defect in vision, some slowness in reaction time, some general fatigue, that a few trips to the optometrist or the physician would have corrected or would have brought them the proper advice on how to compensate for these shortcomings while driving and thereby keep themselves safe.

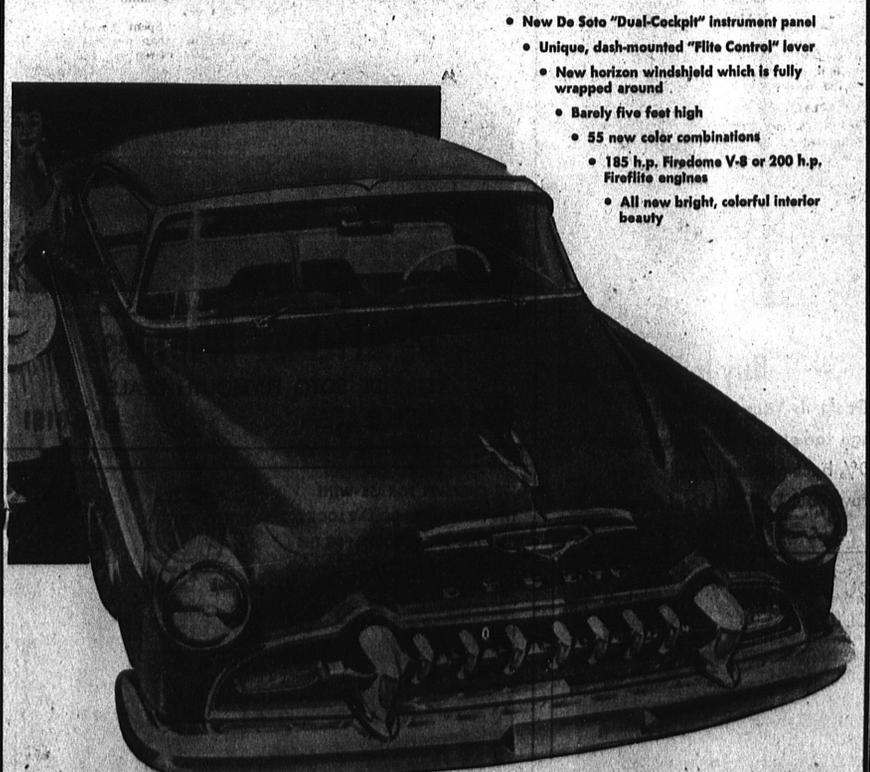


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(Herald Photo) LARRY LANCE... Used Car manager of Whittlesey Motors

### The Magnificent New DE SOTO V-8 For '55



- New De Soto "Dual-Cockpit" instrument panel
- Unique, dash-mounted "Flite Control" lever
- New horizon windshield which is fully wrapped around
- Barely five feet high
- 55 new color combinations
- 185 h.p. Firestone V-8 or 200 h.p. Firelite engines
- All new bright, colorful interior beauty

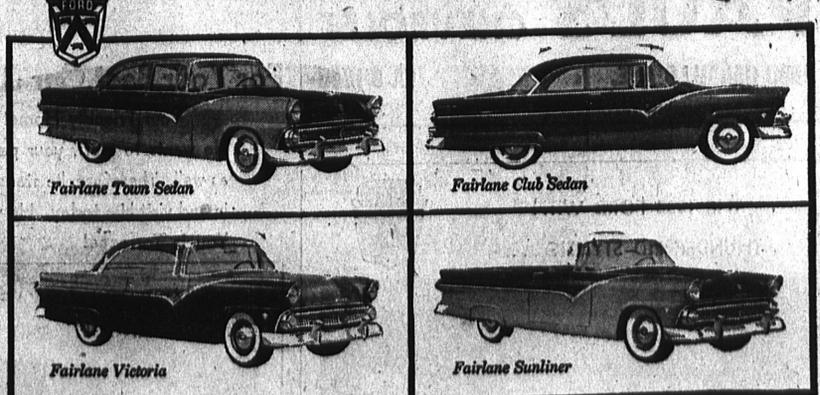
THE 1955 DE SOTO CAN BE SEEN AT THE AUTO SHOW IS TO BE PRESENTED BY:

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• These are the elite of Ford's '55 models, the luxurious Ford Fairlanes. And they offer everything you're looking for in a car Beauty, for instance. There have never been such strikingly handsome cars, cars so clean-cut and distinguished looking. And the rich interiors are furnished with fabrics never before offered as car upholstery.

All with Trigger-Torque Power  
There are 3 great Ford Engines for '55: the 182-h.p. Y-Block V-8... the 182-h.p. Y-Block Special V-8, offered with Fordomatic in Fairlane and Station Wagon models... and the new 120-h.p. Six.

All with Thunderbird Styling  
The Thunderbird, the Ford personal car that has won the praise of the nation inspired the styling of the '55 Ford. You'll find its swept-back straight-line fenders... its lower, sleeker look... its all-around windshield... visor-type headlight rims... reflected in the '55 Ford Cars.

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Ford's new Angle-Poised Ball-Joint Front Suspension is tilted back so that springs now soak up shock from the front as well as up-and-down.

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